

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-12 and 15-25 are now in the application and have been allowed. Claims 13 and 14 have been canceled, but applicants reserve the right to file these claims in a continuation application.

As all the claims now in the application are in condition for allowance, Applicants request the application be allowed and pass to issue as soon as possible.

It is believed that no further fees are due with this Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment with respect to this patent application to deposit account number 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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